

ELECTION 2022

Recreational marijuana to be legalized, convention dismissed

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Several amendments were on the Nov. 8 ballot. Missouri Amendment 3, which legalizes recreational marijuana for adults over 21, was one of the amendments with the smallest voting margin.

The other amendments were Missouri Amendment 1, Missouri Amendment 4, Missouri Amendment 5 and the Missouri Constitutional Convention.

Missouri Amendment 3 was voted no in Nodaway County with a little more than 60% of the votes. The precincts of Nodaway County all voted no against Missouri Amendment 3 with 3,951 of the 6,642 votes. Missouri Amendment 3 passed with all of the district's votes.

Despite Nodaway County largely voting against the amendment, the unofficial votes from other precincts in Missouri are in favor of passing Missouri Amendment 3 with 1,089,326 of the 2,051,235 votes being yes according to the Secretary of State website.

This amendment being passed would mean that any adult over the age of 21 can sell, use and purchase marijuana. There is also the possibility of people that are incarcerated for nonviolent convictions to petition to be released from prison with their record expunged. The record expungement is the first of its kind in any state.

The districts with the most voters, like St. Louis County and St. Charles, all voted in favor of Missouri Amendment 3, while the districts with less voters, like Worth and Scotland, voted against Missouri Amendment 3.

Missouri Amendment 1, which would let the state treasurer invest state funds in municipal securities, was voted no with 3,470 of the 6,165 votes in Nodaway County. The rest of the state voted similarly, with 54% of votes being against the amendment.

Missouri Amendment 4, which allows the increase of minimal funding for the Kansas City Missouri police force, and Missouri Amendment 5, which creates the state Department of the National Guard, were voted yes with around two thirds of the vote in Nodaway County.

Amendment 4 was voted yes with 4,022 of the 6,265 votes in Nodaway County. Amendment 5 was voted yes with 4,119 of the 6,227 votes.

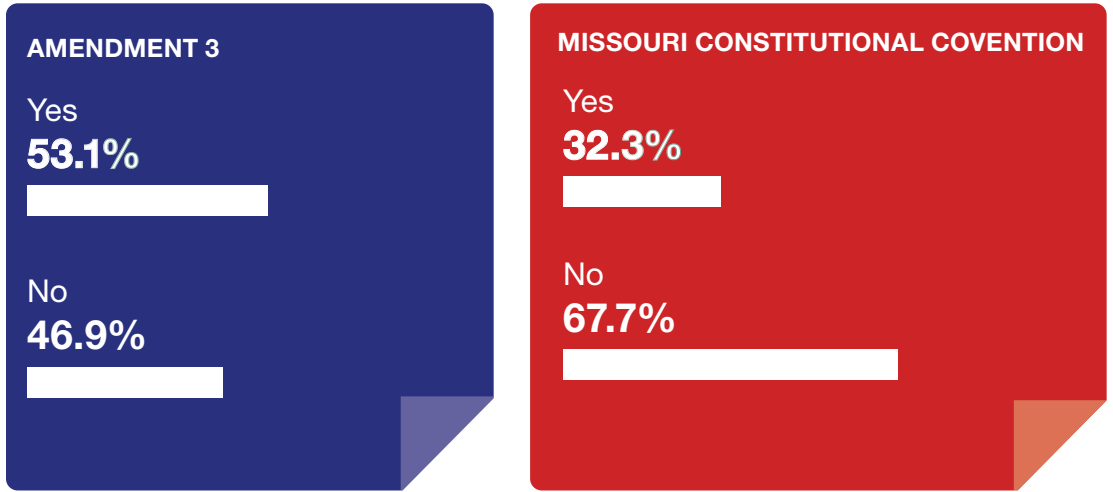
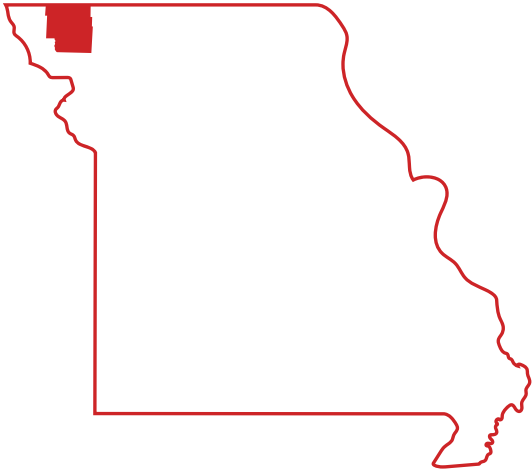
Amendments 4 and 5 have been voted yes by the majority of Missouri. Amendment 4 with around 63% of votes and Amendment 5 with around 60% of votes.

The constitutional convention was voted no by every precinct in Nodaway County with 4,201 of the 6,116 votes. The constitutional convention would be an assembly to revise and amend the Missouri Constitution. This is voted on every 20 years and has not been passed since 1942.

The Missouri constitutional convention was voted no with over 67% of votes in Missouri.

All of the votes as of Nov. 9 are the unofficial results, and the official results will be announced no later than Dec. 13.

6,539 VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS 13,076 REGISTERED VOTERS 50.01% VOTER TURNOUT IN THE COUNTY



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Nodaway County supports GOP

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Election season ended with voting stations closing at 7 p.m. across the state Nov. 8. Missouri's mid-term elections had races for state representatives, state senators and ballot initiatives. Missouri has eight districts for representatives and 34 districts for senators. Nodaway County falls into the 1st District for state representatives and into the

12th District for state senators.

In the election of the representative of the 1st District of Missouri, Jeff Farnan won big in Nodaway County, rallying in 4,652 votes out of 6,479. His opponent Jessica Piper amounted to 1,827 votes in the county. In the voting precinct Polk B/C, which includes the area surrounding Northwest, had the closest margin of votes between the two, with Farnan receiving 888 votes and Piper with 553. Farnan beat Piper in all voting precincts in Nodaway County.

Farnan is the Republican candidate in the race for representative of the 1st District. Farnan is a lifelong native of Nodaway County and has campaigned on a platform of pro-Second Amendment, pro-life, funding law enforcement and more.

Farnan won the election for the 1st District representative, with 9,323 votes against Piper's 3,070. Farnan's total made up 75.228% of the votes casted, and Piper managed 24.772%.

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Green family starts law enforcement scholarship

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I always wanted to do something to give back to really influence law enforcement forever."

-CLARENCE GREEN NORTHWEST INTERIM PRESIDENT

There are a handful of scholarships for students to apply for using the Standard Scholarship Application. Now, students who desire to make a difference in the criminal justice career path have another opportunity to receive a scholarship credited to the Green family.

The Green family started at Northwest when Clarence and Chelli met while both attending school here. Clarence Green is the Interim President of Northwest, but served as Chief of University Police since 1997. Since then, they have continued to make an impact on students' lives in many different ways, such as cheesecake parties, weiner roasts or playing cards with student organizations.

The Green family donated \$28,000 to the Northwest Foundation to fully captivate the positive impact they could leave upon this University.

This scholarship would be granted once a year as a total of \$1,000 and will have preference towards

those pursuing criminal justice or law enforcement careers after college and Black female students. However, it is open to incoming freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior students within any major, who can receive this scholarship.

"This scholarship would apply to any major because I truly believe, if you want my biases, I believe if you're an art major, you would be a better investigator," Green said. "My experience of working with people who have an art background, they see the world differently and are better police officers."

Randy Strong was a former Northwest student who majored in art and is the Nodaway County sheriff. Kevin C. Hawkins Jr. is another former student who found his way into law enforcement. He is now a Sergeant Watch Commander at Oregon State University and has worked in law enforcement for 14 years. He teaches criminal justice classes while pursuing a doctorate at Wichita State University.

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‘MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING’



DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR
Freshman Raven Pinkerton is brought out in front of the first session for the stage intimacy ‘lap dance’ example from 10-11:30 a.m. stage combat workshop hosted by Bart Williams Nov. 4.

Northwest hosts stage combat workshop

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Stage combat and intimacy are two very specific skills to learn for those who are involved in theater, and Northwest held a stage combat and intimacy workshop to help various groups of people learn these skills. This workshop was open to the public to help people of all experience levels learn about stage combat and intimacy and how to do it safely.

The workshop was held from 10-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. Nov. 3 in the Ron Houston Performing Arts Center and was led by Bart Williams. Williams is the physicality and stage combat choreographer for Northwest’s upcoming production of “Much Ado About Nothing,” and he is an associate professor in the Dobbins Conservatory of Theatre and Dance at Southeast Missouri State University. For “Much Ado About Nothing,” Williams said he brought in more of the stage intimacy aspect of his experience.

This workshop covered many topics, such as the basics behind stage combat and intimacy, hand-to-hand combat and other various skills for staging or working in theatrical violence or physicality.

Katheryn Bilbo, associate professor of theater at Northwest, said that Williams is very patient and explains things effectively to people no matter their experience level with stage combat and intimacy.

“After being recommended by a theater faculty member, Bart Williams came to Northwest in 2019 to choreograph the stage violence in our production of ‘Macbeth,’” Bilbo said in

an email to The Missourian. “I was so impressed by his work, I wanted to have him back as soon as I could.”

Williams said something that makes stage combat and stage intimacy important to learn is that many young actors have seen misconstrued versions of stage combat and intimacy, and learning the real thing helps them to distinguish between the real and fake versions.

“People are mixing up the real thing with the illusion that we need for stage,” Williams said. “This work is about finding the ‘play’ in play and respecting everyone’s boundaries and getting consent from your scene partners, but then making sure that not only are you and your partner safe, but you’re also communicating the story effectively for the audience.”

Bilbo said stage combat is an important skill for those involved in theater to learn because many inexperienced actors believe that onstage violence has to appear real in order to be effective. She said this is a dangerous assumption.

“While weapons used onstage are blunted and/or made less dangerous in some way, they are still capable of inflicting real damage,” Bilbo said in an email to The Missourian. “Directors and choreographers must take great care to maintain the safety of any actor involved in a scene with stage violence, but in addition, any actors involved in the scene need to be knowledgeable enough to keep themselves safe and help their scene partners stay safe as well.”

Ellye Johnson, a sophomore speech and theater education major, said the most impor-

tant thing she learned from the workshop was establishing boundaries and standing your ground with those boundaries.

“One of the very most important things for everyone, not just actors, to know is that you never have to justify your boundaries as a person and you need not justify those if they change, and they can always be adapted to,” Johnson said in an email to The Missourian.

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-KATHERYN BILBO
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEATER AT NORTHWEST

Williams said he wants people who aren’t aware to know that stage combat and stage intimacy are like a magic trick or an illusion, and that just because the characters are doing something specific in the play doesn’t mean that the actors have to do the exact same thing.

“The lived experience that the characters have does not have to be the lived experience that the performers have,” Williams said. “It’s pretend, and because it’s pretend, you can find more joy in it, and you can make it repeatable.”



DAKOTA WEAVER PHOTO EDITOR
Sophomore Ellye Johnson and freshman Nathan Bigler participate in the intimacy eye contact section of the stage combat workshop in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts Nov. 4.



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Senior Josiah Fahnestock and sophomore Grace Garrigan are used as an example for the look and then look away section of the workshop to show ‘flirtatious glances’ before having everyone attending the workshop look into each other’s eyes at the end of the workshop Nov. 4.

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The Perk’s chalkboard menu leans against the wall next to the cash register listing the drinks offered along with the variety of drinks and flavors that can be added. The Perk is a new coffee, cards and games store on the corner of West 4th Street and North Main Street.



The Perk’s interior is full of trading cards and card games. Owner Micah Meyers stands in front of the cafe’s new coffee bar. The Perk has begun to display Christmas lights and decorations ahead of the holiday season.

Coffee, cards served at new cafe The Perk

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Maryville residents and Northwest students alike can recall the closing of Board Game Cafe — a popular cafe on Main Street where customers could enjoy a cup of coffee and pass the time playing a wide range of board games. When the Board Game Cafe closed at the end of 2021, the building it was in stayed vacant for months, up until a couple of weeks ago.

The address is now the home of The Perk, a coffee shop with a similar business model. The Perk offers coffee and space for card games to customers, as well as selling cards, from baseball cards to collectible cards or even card games. The Perk celebrated opening day Oct. 22, just in time for Homecoming. It’s managed by Micah Myers and his wife Tara, along with some help from their daughters.

Meyers is originally from St. Joseph and has some ties to Maryville. His brother-in-law attended Northwest and married a woman originally from Maryville. Myers said it was work that brought them here and where they decided to raise their children for the past 10 years.

When Board Game Cafe closed its doors for good, the Myers family was in business at the American Family Insurance agency, where they’ve been insurance agents since 2003. Myers, a lifelong sports card collector, saw the opportunity and began to work on opening up his own shop.

“To be honest, in the very beginning, I just wanted to open up a shop to get product cheap

er and have an outlet for stuff I didn’t want,” Myers said. “We had three insurance agencies, one of which was here of course, but there was one in Clarinda, and we were in the process of buying a building up there that our office was in, but it had multiple other units, and I thought ‘I’ll put a card shop in there.’”

Myers’ wife liked the idea and decided to put her own boutique in one of the other units. Tara bought the Simply Posh Boutique, and Micah bought the old unit for Board Game Cafe. Myers said the old location was bought out and the previous owner evicted everyone using it, and they considered opening up the card shop in Clarinda, Iowa. Once the previous owner decided to sell the location, Myers stepped in.

“The space was available, we started looking at it and thinking ‘well, we could just move our office down here’ because we were uptown. We could just move our office down here and utilize this space instead,” Myers said.

Myers said the square should have a coffee shop, and once he bought both spaces, he realized that he and his wife could sell cards and have a coffee shop within. They worked on the shop organically since Myers called it “a labor of love.” The first product they ordered was the Pokémon Brilliant Stars card pack when it was released in February.

“Started off with that, and every dollar that was spent in here, to this day still, every dollar spent in here, it’s just reinvest, reinvest, reinvest,” Myers said. “That’s how we got all the equipment, that’s how we got all the products. We just sold

one box, bought two. Sold two, bought four.”

Myers and his family did work on the shop’s interior, from patching up the walls to putting in new floors, all to avoid taking out loans. Myers said this shop could be something fun for the community and a future source of income for his daughters.

The store’s inventory started off small, made up of the latest Pokémon cards release and whatever sports cards Myers could throw in from his collection. Since then, the store’s inventory has quickly expanded into a wide variety of collectibles and card games.

“We’re moving into a new golden age of collecting, so people hear ‘card shop’, and when they come to a card shop, they expect to see a lot,” Myers said. “I was really counting on staying with the newest, latest, hottest product that I knew people would so up for. As long as I had that, it didn’t matter. I’m not going to make a killing, but I’ll make a profit.”

Myers said it has had an upgrowth in popularity, going from hosting a Dungeons and Dragons group a night to a bigger audience of students and locals. Not only has the number of customers grown, but the shop is almost complete with renovation to a couple backrooms, when completed, will be used for spaces for groups of players and their games.

“We look very different now than we did just three weeks ago,” Myers said. “I would say 90% of what you look at right now was not like this just three weeks ago.”

University bids out contract for dining hall services

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The Northwest dining contract with Aramark is expiring at the end of the 2023 spring semester. Residential Life would like to see a cost reduction and a food quality increase, as well as more restaurant options on campus.

Residential Life said the meal plans offered on campus are changing. Residential Life is proposing for swipes-per-week with the new meal plans.

It will still be a requirement for residents on campus to purchase a meal plan. It is extending to those living in Forest Village as well.

Rose Viau, assistant vice president of Student Affairs: Residential and Auxiliary Services, has been working with this process of bidding on the new contract.

“Well, in our request, we pushed for lower-cost meal plan options, continued and improved food quality and value and different restaurant options on campus,” Viau said.

There is not much happening with the contract as bidding

is still taking place. As of Nov. 7, all that is certain in the request of making the dining service on campus better.

It is not known if things like dining dollars will be transferred with the changes to the dining hall contract.

“We had four bids come in. That’s about all that is certain,” Viau said.

The buyer of signage and environmental branding is Benjamin Jermain. Signage and environmental branding consists of designing the signs that are placed around the campus.

“This is an IFB (invitation for bid) to establish a University contract for as-needed construction services for signage and environmental branding,” Jermain said. “These contracts are used for various small construction projects throughout the year.”

He explained the bidding contracts and how they are used for several things throughout the year.

In the specific bid for signage and environmental branding, there are almost 150 pages.

These contracts are very thorough and cover what needs to be considered when bidding. Including, instructions, forms and conditions needed to complete the bid.

Viau said the changes will not be confirmed until January. Right now they are going through the bids from companies, but there have not been any decisions reached.

There will be significant changes, but as of now, it is not known what those changes will be. There are goals that Viau said will hopefully be met. One of those changes will be the restaurant options on campus and the quality of food in the dining hall.

The Board of Regents will have to approve of the new dining contract which is estimated to happen sometime between January and March. It is unknown whether or not Aramark, the current provider, will still be the provider next year. If that is the case, there will be less changes regarding dining dollars and similar resources.



Aramark student employee Kalyan Marella serves students at the Tex-Mex Station in Bearcat Commons during the dinner rush. Aramark is the provider with the Northwest dining contract, but four companies that have made bids for the new dining contract.

Residential Life said the main goal is to reduce the prices considerably for students. Residential Life recognized that a small cut in the price does not make much of a difference, so it is actively fighting for the significant price cut.

There will be more information about this change in the dining hall contract in the beginning of 2023. As of right now, there are only bids and the requests made by Northwest to the companies bidding.

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CRIME LOG

for the week of Nov. 10

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

- Nov. 8**

There was an accident between **Sawyer Cross**, 20, and **Tyler Halley**, 18, in Parking Lot 4.
- Nov. 7**

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Roberta Hall.
- Nov. 6**

There is an open investigation for stealing in the J.W. Jones Student Union.
- Nov. 4**

Jessica Brown, 42, was in an accident in Parking Lot 57. There is an open investigation for property damage and a hate crime in the B.D. Owens Library.

- Nov. 3**

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in North Complex. There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall.
- Nov. 1**

There is an open investigation for sexual assault in Dieterich Hall.

- Oct. 31**

There is an open investigation for rape on West 16th Street.
- Oct. 29**

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Hudson and Perrin Hall. There is a closed investigation for an alcohol violation in Franken Hall.
- Oct. 27**

There is a closed investigation for trespassing in the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts. There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Bearcat Stadium. There is an open investigation for harassment in Forest Village Apartments. There is a closed investigation for harassment in the B.D. Owens Library.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

- Nov. 3**

A summons was issued to **Karagen B. Max**, 20, for larceny on the 1100 block of South Main Street.
- Nov. 2**

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary on the 200 block of West 12th Street. A bicycle was recovered on the 900 block of South Market Street. A firearm was lost or stolen on the 100 block of South Vine Street. A wallet was lost or stolen on the 100 block of North Vine Street.
- Oct. 31**

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing by deceit on the 200 block of East Third Street. A summons was issued to **Jaimee D. Fee**, 29, for a dog at large on the 2600 block of South Mulberry Street. There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 600 block of North Main Street.
- Oct. 30**

There is an ongoing investigation for sexual assault on the 400 block of West 16th Street. There was an accident between **Alyssa L. Grout**, 20, and **Jacie M. McMahon**, 22, on West First Street and South Munn Avenue. Grout was given a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

- Oct. 29**

A summons was issued to **Caleb A. Fields**, 19, for a minor in possession on the 2000 block of South Main Street. A summons was issued to **Daniel L. Clevenger**, 20, for failure to obey a red light and possession of drug paraphernalia on the 2000 block of South Main Street.
- Oct. 27**

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny on the 1900 block of South Main Street. A summons was issued to **Mikki A. Owens**, 29, for a dog at large on the 1000 block of



NATHAN SMITH PHOTOGRAPHER

A worker for the Clear Creek Catering food truck helps a customer at the Northwest Missouri Moon Festival Oct. 8 behind The Hangar and The Fields Paintball on South Main Street in Maryville. Focus EduSolutions, a company based in Boston, partnered with Northwest earlier this month to offer an online course in program management and microcredentials. One of these management programs is students working for food trucks.

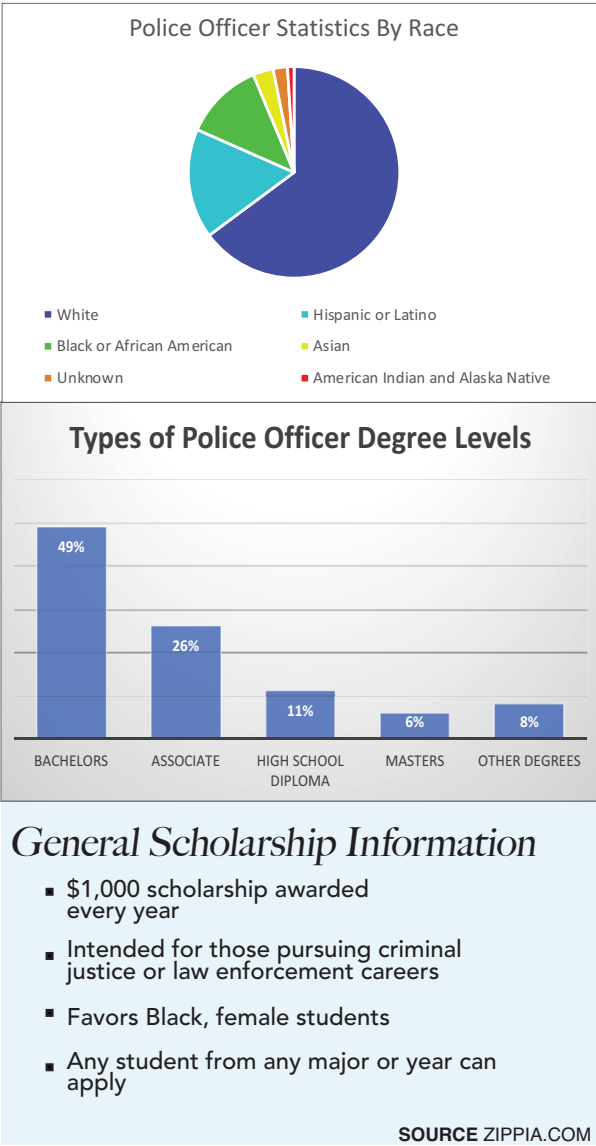
NW offers credential programs

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Focus EduSolutions is partnered with both institutions and associations across the U.S. Northwest recently partnered with Focus EduSolutions, and the first cohort began Nov. 8. There are now microcredentials offered in insurance sales and food truck entrepreneurship. Focus EduSolutions is a company that offers online program management and microcredential development based out of Boston. Focus EduSolutions is a cheaper way for students to progress their careers and get closer to their end goals in their desired industry. There are two main programs that are now offered at Northwest based in the school of business. The insurance sales accelerator and the food truck entrepreneurship programs are offered in both Spanish and English. Regional Director of the Missouri Small Business Development Center Rebecca Lobina was a major part in the partnership with Focus EduSolutions. “The insurance accelerator program will definitely help them to give the students a leg up when they are looking at either entering the insurance market or if they’re already in insurance,” Lobina said. The main goal of these programs is to offer more credentials to students wanting to pursue or further a career in the food truck industry or the insurance industry. Microcredentialing is a nontraditional way for students to get credentials in a matter of weeks. This is to help progress the industries in a timely fashion. Lobina said these courses being offered at Northwest are im-

portant because of the industry growth seen, especially in the food truck business. “Food trucks are actually outpacing the restaurant industry as far as the process goes, so it is a very budding market,” Lobina said. Director of Marketing for Focus EduSolutions Ashley Matthews is a main part of the partnership with Northwest and oversees many aspects of marketing. She said it is important for students to have this opportunity available to them. “So they really like to be people that have their license, and then if they have a job, they just become that much more employable,” Lobina said. These microcredentials are helpful to those looking to fill skill gaps and get into the industry quicker and having microcredentials is enticing for future employers. Focus EduSolutions said

it is the gateway education to industries that have been blocked by the expensive education needed to pursue those industries. Focus EduSolutions also said it hopes to help the growth of smaller communities. It wants to have a curriculum that changes with the industries to keep up with what the employers are looking for. Though these programs are very different, both are to help build portfolios and learn how to work with consumers. The programs are to give a small boost to the students that enroll in them to help gain the professional skills they will need in the workforce. “The wonderful thing is that they do a lot of local and regional market research to see what gaps there may be or what there might be in the market when it comes to education and educating the workforce,” Lobina said.



RESULTS

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Another election across Northwest Missouri was the race for the 12th District’s state senator. The candidates were current state Representative Rusty Black and nontraditional Northwest student Michael Baumli. Black, the Republican candidate, beat Democrat Baumli with 50,965 votes against Baumli’s 12,082 within the district. Rusty Black’s experience as a politician dates back to when he was in student government at his high school. Black was first elected to the Missouri House in 2016 as a representative and will finish his third term at the end of the year. The issues Black is mostly focused on include mental health services in Missouri, including veteran’s PTSD and mental health in younger demographics. Black swept Nodaway County, beat-

ing Baumli in every single voting precinct. Black got 4,721 votes and Baumli got 1,759 in the county. In the race for Missouri’s senator, Republican candidate Eric Schmitt gathered in 1,143,626 votes against Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine’s 868,873 votes. Schmitt’s votes made up 55.432% of votes and Valentine’s made up 42.115%. Other candidates for the senator’s race were Johnathan Dine of the Libertarian Party and Paul Venable of the Constitution Party, both of whom had less than 2% of votes. Scott Fitzpatrick was elected state auditor as the Republican candidate, easily beating Democrat Alan Green. Fitzpatrick received 1,216,046 votes and 59.424% of the votes opposed to Green’s 768,500 votes with 37.554% of the vote. Libertarian John Hartwig Jr. received 61,093 votes and only 2.985%. For the race for District 6’s repre-

sentative, Republican candidate Sam Graves received 70.322% of votes, totaling 184,070. Democrat Henry Martin had 71,939 votes amounting to 27.483% of the vote, and Libertarian Robin Dominick had 5,830 votes with 2.54%.

- Nodaway County Local Election Winners:**
- Associate Circuit Judge for Nodaway County - Robert Rice, 5,768 votes
 - Commissioner for the County Commission of Nodaway County - Bill Walker, 5,820 votes
 - Clerk of the Circuit Court of Nodaway County - Elaine Wilson, 5,858 votes
 - Clerk of the County Commission of Nodaway County - Melinda Patton, 5,885 votes
 - Recorder of Deeds of Nodaway County - Lisa Nickerson, 5,853 votes
 - Prosecuting Attorney of Nodaway County - Tina Deiter, 5,660 votes

Feminism shouldn't be a scary concept



When most people hear the word feminist, they think of angry women who hate every man on the planet. I'm here to put those misconceptions to rest and talk about what being a feminist really means.

Feminism is defined as a range of socio-political movements and ideologies that aim to define and establish the political, economic, personal and social equality of the sexes. So if you believe that women should have equal political, economic, personal and social rights as men do, then you support feminism ideology.

The word feminist has been used as an excuse to inadvertently call women angry and aggressive. In high school when I would talk about women's rights, I would immediately get chuckles from boys in my class, and one of them would say something similar to "You're not one of those feminists, are you?"

It would either be that response or "I respect women, I have a sister." Congratulations on your female relative that you treat with basic decency. Now increase that respect and apply that to all women you interact with.

We deserve more than the bare minimum from men. We deserve to have your support in having the rights that men have had for centuries. If you think we're too extreme, you would have been shocked about what women did in the 1900's when trying to secure the vote.

Women would light their bras on fire, throw rocks and bricks at building windows and protest in the streets all over the country. Considering the fact that we haven't made much progress since then — and have even reverted back in some areas — I'd say women have the right to be angry.

Now let's make one thing clear. Men, we're not angry with you, and contrary to popular belief, we don't hate you. We hate the fact that society, government and laws have put you above us time and time again.

We want you to understand. More importantly, we need your help, because as much as I hate to admit it, those in power are still more likely to listen to you than they are to us. We need your voices to amplify ours.

I'm a proud feminist. As a woman, it's hard not to be one. I fully believe that women deserve to be treated with far more respect than they're given. We deserve to be given the basic rights that men get to live with every day. If you feel threatened by this notion, I encourage you to check yourself and reflect on why you feel that way.

We just want to be treated fairly. We want to be treated with respect. We want to not worry about being catcalled or harassed wherever we go. We want to wear what we want without it being seen as an invitation to hit on us, and we want the right to make decisions about our own bodies. These are basic things that most men don't even worry about. Do your part to make the world a more fair place for all of us.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat loves parking on campus

I have come to realize that parking in general is kinda the worst, but specifically parking on campus is another topic. I compiled a list of things that drive me absolutely insane while I am attempting to park in these peanut-sized lots.

First and foremost, the Kia Soul. Maybe those of you drive these don't realize this, but let me make one thing clear, you are terrorizing each and everyone of us. Just

when we think we have found a parking spot, there you are. I'm not sure why each of you decided to park next to the largest vehicle in the lot, but your hiding has cost me sleepless nights.

Speaking of the largest vehicle in the lot, don't buy it if you can't drive or park it. Yes, I'm talking about the unnecessarily large trucks that people claim they need. Whatever your excuse is that you bought a truck that costs you more

than tuition, it doesn't excuse your horrible parking. Your truck fits in the spot, don't try to overcompensate like you did when you bought the thing.

Residents of Northwest, this is my formal complaint that y'all are annoying. Not just because you are freshmen, but mainly because you think that you need to drive to classes. You have the pleasure of already living on campus, use your legs and walk to class. My last and final pain of

parking on this campus is that when people are walking through parking lots, each and everyone of you insist on not looking where you are going. You stare into the depths of your phone and just walk. You will pop out from behind a car and give me a dirty look when I almost hit you. If you want to be hit by a car, ask first.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

Title IX needs appreciation, equality should be standard

This year marks the 50th anniversary of when Title IX was passed into law in 1972. Title IX changed the landscape of college education forever and is one of the most important laws related to school athletics.

Title IX is in place to enforce that no person is discriminated against in any education program or activity which receives federal financial assistance because of sex. While Title IX covers a range of areas, one of its biggest impacts is in the world of school sports.

The law has provided multiple women with the opportunity to be represented and participate in school athletics. The Editorial Board believes Title IX should be recognized and appreciated for all it has done in its 50 years of existence for athletes, but there is still more to be done.

Before June 23, 1972, women did not receive fair treatment as far as where they could play, when they could play and if they could play at all. While many only consider Title IX as it relates to athletics in the college realm, the law reaches into the world of high school sports as well. Of course, it is just as important for athletes, regardless of sex, to have the same opportunities at the high school level.

As far as high school sports go,

the number of girl athletes has increased from roughly 295,000 in 1972 to nearly three million in 2021. In 1972, college women's sports participation was a mere 15%. This year, the number is now 44%. However, there's still a gap.

In high school, girls miss out on one million sports opportunities compared to boys. Although women make up roughly 59.5% of enrollment numbers for college, men have 56.1% of sports opportunities compared to women's 43.9%.

Here at Northwest, there are six men's sports compared to eight for women. The number of athletes is 248 men and 142 women.

While it is certainly great to see the progress from before Title IX to now, this just goes to show there's more work to be done. Women should have just as much opportunity to play a sport and participate in an activity as men. This doesn't apply to just one school, it is true for everywhere.

For college athletics, this does not just apply to students either. In 1972, 90% of women's sports were coached by women. During the 2020-21 academic year, that number was 46%, and it drops to a mere six percent of men's sports with women coaching. Of the 52 positions in Northwest Athletics that are not student positions,

16 of those are filled by women — two head coaches.

Students need equal representation, but so do coaches and staff. Discrimination at any level should not be accepted.

Title IX has benefitted women's athletics across the nation. Those numbers still need to even out, though. Opportunities need to be provided for equal representation and participation. Title IX ensures that if there is a men's sport, there is an equal opportunity for women to participate in a sport as well. That needs to continue to be the standard, regardless of whether it's intramural or official sports.

It doesn't matter where the school is located, how many athletes go to the school, what division it is or if it's a two-year or four-year college — equal representation for all is the only acceptable option.

The Editorial Board supports what Title IX has not only done for sports across the country, but also how its positively impacted education. Until the numbers of participation and opportunities in women's sports equal men's sports, though, the very mission of the law will not be complete.

YOUR VIEW:

“What are some ways to increase equal representation between men and women in sports?”

Erica Moore
Freshman
Criminology



“The way they broadcast sports.”

Justin Luster
Junior
Human Services and Psychology



“I think promoting and funding both of the sports so that they get the same publicity and stuff like that will move it closer, but it wont make it perfect.”

Naomi Medellin
Freshman
Undecided



“Social media and stuff. Especially when girls basketball happened, you didn't even hear about that, but you heard about boys basketball clubs.”

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FACTS

Northwest Football

- Has an active streak of 17 consecutive NCAA playoff appearances.
- 35-2 all-time against Emporia State.

Maryville Football

- Defeated Savannah 39-28 Oct. 14.
- Made 10 straight district game titles.

Northwest Volleyball

- Won an outright MIAA regular season title for first time in program history.
- Lost to Central Missouri in conference tournament championship in 2021.

Maryville Boys Soccer

- Has won back-to-back district titles.
- Scored 12 combined goals in Class 1 District 8 Tournament.
- Defeated Summit Christian Academy 2-1 in 2021 Class 1 District 8 Championship.

State tournament next for 'Hounds

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Maryville boys soccer team went into overtime with Lutheran (Kansas City) as the two teams were tied by a score of 1-1. Courtesy of a goal into the right corner of the net by junior midfielder Kason Teale, the Spoofhounds won the match 2-1 and claimed the Missouri Class 1 District 8 Championship.

The Spoofhounds (13-5) didn't see the Knights (9-9) in the regular season, but even with the unfamiliarity, Maryville went into the game and scored within the first five minutes.

Teale said the first goal was a moment he could never forget. He said his teammates said they could see his determination in his eyes just as much as he could see their reaction.

"As the ball was kicked into the air, you could see everyone's eyes light up with excitement," Teale said.

Coach Courtney Kennedy said the team became overly comfortable and relaxed with the lead, which led to Lutheran tying the game at one before halftime.

Kennedy said the team took a lot of shots as Maryville was trying to regain the lead.

As the second half came to an end, Jesus Gonzalez wanted the boys to get rest.

"Having a new refreshed team coming into the game willing to do whatever they had to come out on top was a great experience



The Maryville boys soccer huddles at the start of its Oct. 13 match against St. Pius X at Bearcat Pitch. The Spoofhounds will compete for the Class 1 State Championship against Summit Christian Academy 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at Bearcat Pitch.

for them to see how the feel of a semifinal game in the playoffs feels like," Kennedy said.

As the season progressed for the Spoofhounds, Kennedy said growing on how they played each game was crucial to their overall success

"We knew that this season wasn't going to be an easy one for us but with each and every game we have played as a team. Growing as a team, knowing that we all play for each other is the best feeling," Teale said.

As overtime went on, fresh-

man midfielder Tuan Jacobson was subbed in, and the first play he made was a pass to Teale at the top of the box. As Teale went for the shot, the ball was blocked. As the ball flew off the goalie's hands, it flew into the air and bounced off Teale's chest. The ball was set up for Teale to follow through with the shot, and he did so, scoring the game-winning goal.

"As the ball hit the net, you could hear the uproar of the crowd," Teale said. "This was a once-in-a-lifetime goal. I had to not just make sure I didn't kick the

NATHAN SMITH PHOTOGRAPHER

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ball in the wrong spot, but make sure to make the goalie guess wrong on where the ball will go."

With the win, the Spoofhounds advance to the Class 1 State Tournament. Maryville will play Summit Christian Academy (16-6) 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at Bearcat Pitch.

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"It's a sense of comfort to play in front of your home fans," Webb said. "Most of our team grew up in this community. The younger kids get to be at the game, little brothers, little sisters and grandparents. A lot of support in our community and we're very fortunate and feel very blessed to play in front of our home crowd."

"Being able to play at home is a huge energy boost to everyone on the team," Watkins said, adding to his coach's admiration for the community. "Having the fan support is just amazing and to be able to be in that environment makes it just amazing."

Savannah and Maryville ended the regular season with a share of the Midland Empire Conference title. The 'Hounds are the only team to earn a victory over Savannah this season.

If the Savages want revenge, they have to beat the Spoofhounds at home — something Savannah hasn't done since Oct. 8, 2010.

Maryville will attempt to stay undefeated at home and make it to the state quarterfinals for the second year in a row.

"We have the fan support, and the environment is just amazing," Watkins said. "Our team's love is just through the roof, and we all just played for each other so that helps so much."

PLAYOFFS CONTINUED FROM A8

Coach Rich Wright said every game has been important up to this point, and there's plenty to play for against Emporia.

"Here we go," Wright said. "They had to play their way into this position. You know, everybody understands the finality of it. The nice thing about being at Northwest is we have a lot of players that have experienced that before and understand what's at stake."

A lot of players over the course of Northwest's history have experienced playoff scenarios. In fact, when the Bearcats make the trek across the Missouri-Kansas border, a streak of 17 consecutive NCAA playoff appearances could be in jeopardy.

For a chance to keep the run alive, Northwest will be matched up against one of the best offenses in the MIAA in Emporia. The Hornets display a conference-best 33.5 points scored per game, 454.8 offensive yards per game and 45 touchdowns scored throughout the season. On the other side, Northwest is No. 1 in the MIAA yards allowed per contest (268.1), touchdowns given up (18) and total sacks (35).

One of the driving factors for Emporia's potent offense is junior quarterback Braden Gleason. The junior leads the MIAA in passing yards with 2,953 and passing touchdowns with 28 — he was No. 2 in the conference for both statistics in 2021. Wright said the Gleason and the Hornets' offense will be a big test for the defense, especially the younger players on the team.

"Garin (Higgins) does a really good job at Emporia State, he always has," Wright said about Emporia's 16th-year coach. "Over the years we've had some pretty epic battles with them with a lot on the line — in the national playoffs in '15 and '16 immediately come to mind — so we're gonna have to play well."



Northwest football senior offensive lineman Andrew Theobald lines up for a play during the Bearcats' 27-5 win over Missouri Southern Nov. 5. They defeated the Lions for the 27th consecutive time. Southern has not won against Northwest since 1994.

NATHAN SMITH PHOTOGRAPHER



EQUALITY CONTINUED FROM A8

"It's important to recognize that women in sports need to be celebrated because women are strong, and women are capable of doing amazing things and accomplishing

great things," Sidney said.

She said she is proud to be a woman in a collegiate sport. To be a part of something like that, she said, can provide inspiration for younger athletes.

Just down one floor and past the first Bearcat Arena doors in Lamkin is another woman on

staff at Northwest. Macy Williams was named the interim assistant coach for Northwest women's basketball Sept. 6. She returns to Northwest after being a student and graduate assistant for the team from 2018-21 and playing for the 'Cats from 2015-18. While she said she doesn't have a strong opinion about equal representation across sports, she said it is important for everyone to have opportunities.

"I guess, for me, I've never seen that side of things, where I didn't have an opportunity," Williams said. "Growing up, I could definitely see if I was told that I just couldn't play a sport, I'd probably be pretty upset."

While the three said Northwest does a great job in providing opportunities for everyone, they also said in general there is work to be done.

"There's always room for improvement," Tellez said.

"If I did have an opinion, it would be that women don't have to be exactly like males," Williams said. "I think we are different, and I would just love to see that to be owned as a woman. Like, you bring a lot of things to the table men don't. It's not a competition, and we don't have to be the same. It would just be good to see women owning being a woman."

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The 2022 MIAA Volleyball Coach of the Year Amy Woerth shakes a fan's hand with the MIAA regular season trophy in her other hand after winning a share of the title for the first time in Northwest volleyball history Nov. 2.



TYSON ELLIOT PHOTOGRAPHER
Northwest's volleyball team rushes the floor to celebrate after receiving a regular season MIAA Championship trophy for the first time in program history Nov. 2. The Bearcats travel to St. Joseph's Civic Arena Nov. 10 to face the Missouri Southern Lions in the first round of the MIAA Tournament.

MAKING IT WOERTH IT

Coach leads resurgence of Bearcat volleyball

RIVER BOYD
Sports Reporter I @RiverBoyd5

A secret sauce is typically used to enhance food or make food special. Northwest coach Amy Woerth said Northwest volleyball has its own 'secret sauce' that helps the Bearcats get better every year.

"When you put a whole gym together of people that want to get better, I think that creates a kind of 'secret sauce,'" Woerth said.

The 'secret sauce' has helped the Bearcats into one of their best seasons in program history in 2022. For the first time ever, Northwest volleyball is the outright MIAA regular season champion and the top seed in the MIAA Tournament Nov. 10-12. It all started with a coach from Graceland University.

Woerth started as a graduate assistant at Northwest during the 2003 and 2004 seasons. She then coached at Alaska-Fairbanks and her alma mater Graceland before returning to Northwest in 2012 as interim coach. She became head coach of the Northwest volleyball team in 2013.

Woerth's career started with two losing seasons, 12-18 and 11-19. Those two seasons are the only two losing seasons in Woerth's 10-year coaching career.

"I just am a big process person, and I really focus on the process of what's happening," Woerth said. "If you look at the big picture, a lot of the time you can get overwhelmed. I just break things down. I work really hard from the standpoint of working on those processes so that you're doing the best that you can, and I think that has put a winning formula together."

In 2015, Woerth led the 'Cats to a 15-14 record — Northwest's first winning record since 2000.

The improvement continued in 2016, as the Bearcats went 22-9 — the first 20-plus win season in 17 years. The culture of the volleyball team was changing into one of winning and being the best players the team could be.

Woerth said the improvement stems from having a good culture and having a good culture starts with recruiting student-athletes that fit the culture you're trying to build.

"You got to dive in and make them better than they are the previous day. We say this a lot in our gym — 1% better every day," Woerth said. "We take that to heart when we go to coaching people. 'How can we make them 1% better?' I think that has been a combination of how I've had so many All-MIAA players."

Woerth was named MIAA Coach of the Year in 2018, as Northwest had its second 20-win season in two years with a 22-8 record.

"It was neat — the accolade — from the standpoint of being voted amongst your own coaching staff and the coaches in your conference," Woerth said. "I think it was nice, a nice nod from that standpoint. I just do my job at the best rate that I can."

The Bearcats saw now-junior setter Alyssa Rezac take the court in Bearcat Arena for the first time Sept. 7, 2019, against William Jewell. She played two sets in the sweep over the Cardinals. In her first year, Rezac received the MIAA Academic Excellence recipient and the MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

Rezac wasn't the only player receiving awards

in 2019, as graduate student outside hitter Hallie Sidney was in her third year at Northwest. Sidney received four different accolades: an AVCA Honorable Mention All-America pick, first-team All-MIAA, MIAA Scholar-Athlete and MIAA Academic Honor Roll.

"When Amy recruited me and told me she saw me in her plan of turning a program around and winning a conference championship, it was really cool," Sidney said. "Great things take time, and she's given me the opportunity to be a part of something great."

Woerth said a big reason for the Northwest's success is scouting and how good of a job assistant coach Jacquie Cason does diving into stats and helping the Bearcats find where their advantages are.

After a great season in 2019 when the Bearcats

When you put a whole gym together of people that want to get better, I think that creates a kind of 'secret sauce.'

-AMY WOERTH
VOLLEBALL COACH

finished 21-9, they looked forward to improving and growing, until COVID shut down the world and sports for the majority of 2020. With the season canceled, Northwest had to wait until the 2021 season to get back onto the court for an official game.

"We were fortunate enough to be able to still play some games," Rezac said. "But, being in a lockdown because of COVID spreading, really took a toll on us. It gave us a lot of time to kind of focus on our skills, individually, since we didn't have an actual season."

The Bearcats started the 2021 season red-hot with a 5-0 record to win the Courtyard by Marriott Volleyball Classic. This included a win over the eventual national champions

Tampa Sept. 4, 2021. Next, Northwest went to the Capital Classic going 3-1 in four games. The team improved to a record of 8-1 before opening MIAA play against then-No. 12 Central Missouri Sept. 17, 2021.

Northwest got swept by Central Missouri, then went on an 11-match winning streak. The winning streak was broken by Central Oct. 26, 2021. The 'Cats made the MIAA Tournament finals, losing 3-2 to Central Missouri for the third time of the season.

The Bearcats' season didn't end there, though, as they made the NCAA Tournament for the second time in program history, the first time being in 2010.

"We really just focused on the process," Woerth said. "We got there by just working really hard and putting the time in that we needed to in the gym. Our resume was a good resume. We didn't have bad losses last year. We had some marquee wins, especially against Washburn when they were the No. 1 team in the country. I think it was a combination of what we do in the gym and what our resume looked like."

While the 'Cats ultimately lost in the first round to Nebraska-Kearney Dec. 2, Northwest came into the 2022 season off one of the best seasons it has ever had. The Bearcats picked up right where they left off to start the season. The 'Cats competed in the Britkare Lady Buff Classic Aug. 26-27 and earned second place in the silver bracket of the Premier Challenge Sept. 2-3.

The Bearcats kicked off their MIAA schedule with a 3-2 loss to Central Missouri Sept. 11 — the fourth straight loss to the Jennies. Northwest only dropped two more conference matches the rest of the season, ending with a 17-3 record, to earn the program's first ever MIAA regular season title.

The Bearcats continue their historic season with a chance to use more of their 'secret sauce' in the MIAA Tournament Nov. 10-12. Their first matchup is against Missouri Southern Nov. 10 — a team they've defeated twice in the regular season. Regardless of the result, Woerth said her team is like a family, and that feeling is felt across all sports at Northwest.

"It's the school — there is a big family vibe here," Woerth said. "Every time you walk down the sidewalk, someone says 'hi' to you. I've been lucky. I'm in an athletic department that is that way and lucky that I'm in a school that has that same family vibe."

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IS THIS THE END?

Postseason streak at risk for Bearcats

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This is the end — or at least it could be. Heading into the 11th and final week of the regular season for Division II football, Northwest has one last shot to make a case for a Super Region Three playoff spot.

Week 11 pins Northwest against Emporia State Nov. 12 in Emporia, Kansas. When the Bearcats suit up for their game against the Hornets, it won't be a playoff game, but it may have the feeling and urgency of it with the possibility of it being the last game of the season for both squads. For Northwest junior defensive lineman Walker Graves, who likely played his final home game Nov. 5, that's all the motivation he needs.

"Just the thought that this could be my last game ever is a big part of it," Graves said. "We got to show up and play well. I mean, it's do or die at this point."

"Do-or-die" could very well be the theme for both teams as the season's end approaches. The Bearcats and Hornets are both 8-2, and the two losses for each team are to Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg State. In the most recent rankings for Super Region Three, Northwest and Emporia were left out of the top seven spots required for a playoff berth. However, the two squads did come in at the top 10 — Northwest at No. 10 and Emporia at No. 9.

A win for either team, and maybe some help along the way, could be enough to propel one into the Division II playoffs. If the possible ramifications of this matchup wasn't enough for a playoff-type feel, Saturday's game will be the ninth game all-time where the two teams are ranked in the American Football Coaches Association Top 25 poll.

Northwest comes in at No. 10 in the poll, and Emporia takes the No. 22 spot. In the past eight games where the Bearcats and Hornets are ranked, Northwest has won every one of them and by an average margin of 29.5 points.

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MAKAYLA POLAK EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sophomore wide receiver Peyton Carder jumps in celebration with sophomore running back Jadon Brady after a 52-yard touchdown during Northwest football's 27-5 win over Missouri Southern Nov. 5. The Bearcats will play the final game of the regular season against Emporia State Nov. 12.

Highway 71 rivalry awakes in contest for district title

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Maryville football will play Savannah in the Class 3 District 8 Tournament Championship Nov. 11 in the 'Hound Pound. This game is more than a district championship game for the Savages and Spoofhounds; it's the latest edition of the Highway 71 rivalry.

The 'Hounds won the last Highway 71 clash with a score of 39-28 Oct. 14, earning the right to keep the Highway 71 trophy for the 11th straight year and celebrate with it on the Savages' home field.

Senior lineman Kort Watkins knows about the rich and historic rivalry between Maryville and

Savannah. Watkins has never lost to the Savages in his four-year career.

"It's super fun to be able to play our rival at home," Watkins said. "It makes it even more fun to be playing in the district championship. We hope that everyone comes out and supports us and fills up the stands."

Savannah (10-1) has scored 106 points while allowing just 27 points in its two district games thus far. The Spoofhounds (7-3) put up 38 points while the 'Hounds defense allowed 21 points in Maryville's first playoff game against St. Pius X Nov. 4.

The Highway 71 rivalry has

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'Hound Pound

been dominated by Maryville in recent years. Since coach Matt Webb took over in 2012, the Spoofhounds have defeated the Savages 12 straight times.

The 'Hounds have home field advantage in the district title game. The Spoofhounds are 4-0 at home this season and 27-1 at home in district tournaments since Webb took over the program.

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TYSON ELLIOTT PHOTOGRAPHER

Maryville senior running back Caden Stoecklein weaves through St. Pius X defenders in the 38-21 win over the Warriors Nov. 4. The Spoofhounds will host Savannah Nov. 11 for the Class 3 District 8 Tournament Championship.

Women in sports share thoughts on equal representation

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Naomi Tellez walks into her office on the third floor of the Lamkin Activity Center on Northwest's campus. From her base of operations as the softball coach, she has a perfect view to the outside that has become victim to the cooling temperatures.

Almost immediately, she makes note of the difference between the chill of the Maryville air and the contrasting heat in her office.

"It's like a sauna in here," Tellez said.

Fortunately for the second-year coach, her team won't be playing until the feeling inside her office evens out to temperature outside in the spring.

When Tellez took over the helm of the program in July 2020, she joined a distinct group within Northwest Athletics. Of the 52 positions within Northwest Athletics, not including student positions, there are 16 women — two of which are head coaches. There are eight women's sports at Northwest, and Tellez is in charge of one of them.

"I think it's awesome," Tellez said. "I think that everything we do, we're very grateful for. Not only because we're able to do things, but not everyone gets a chance to do these things."

However, 50 years ago, that may not have been the case. In 1972, Title IX was signed into law. Title IX states no person shall be discriminated upon on the basis of sex at a school that receives federal financial assistance. Before 1972, women's participation in collegiate sports was 15%. In 2022, the number

has gone up to 44%.

Before Title IX, women were not given the same treatment as men as far as where they could play sports or if they could play sports at all. Title IX requires that women have the same opportunity to participate in college athletics as men.

At Northwest, there are six men's sports compared to the previously mentioned eight for women. As far as number of athletes go, there are 248 male athletes and 142 female athletes. Albeit, 134 of the men's side

come from football.

One of the 142 female athletes is one who is finishing off her final year as a Bearcat, and who is coached by one of two female head coaches, Northwest volleyball graduate student outside hitter Hallie Sidney.

"It's important to recognize that women in sports need to be celebrated because women are strong, and women are capable of doing amazing things and accomplishing great things," Sidney said.

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